

INITIATE 2005/2006 TARIFF CODE REVISER PROCESS

BRIEFING PAPER

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PURPOSE:

To initiate the process of modifying the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) in anticipation of changing the Washington State Ferries tariff for 2005/2006.

ACTION/OUTCOME:

Commission permission to file CR 101 form with Code Reviser and initiate tariff modification process.

BACKGROUND:

In order to meet farebox revenue requirements for the next biennium and take advantage of the flexibility offered by the new Electronic Fare System, Washington State Ferries has been working with the Tariff Policy Committee to develop a proposal for a 2005/2006 fare change. In order to meet a tariff change date of May 1, 2005, it is necessary to initiate the process with the Code Reviser's office with the filing of the first form by December 22, 2004. The CR-101 form is simply documentation that the appropriate sections of the WAC are being opened for potential review.

DISCUSSION:

This is the first step to amending the WAC for purposes of tariff revision. In January 2005 the Commission will receive a full presentation on the 2005/2006 tariff proposal. At that time the Commission will also be asked for permission to file the CR –102 form with the Code Reviser, which has attached the proposed modifications to the tariff. After WSF obtains public comment on the proposal in mid to late February, the Commission will hold an adoption hearing in mid to late March. The outcome of that hearing will be a final tariff, filed with the Code Reviser with a CR –103 form.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Transportation Commission approve filing the CR – 101 form with the Code Reviser's office and initiate the process to modify ferry tariffs.

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